

Cultivation of oyster mushroom (*Pleurotus florida*) production was going for the experimental learning students as part of their commercial mushroom production program. Students prepared 40 beds for mushroom production and had the yield - 450 g per bed.



RHAPSODY 2K'19

On February 25th 2019 for the event "RHAPSODY" held at Thanthai Roever Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development (TRIARD), a squad of 27 students accompanied by staff advisor Dr.C.Senthilraja, Assistant Professor (Plant Pathology) participated in the events and won first prize in Kuralodu Vizhaiyadu and third prize in group dance.



TALENTIA 2K'19

For the annual cultural fiesta "Talentia" held at Agricultural College and Research Institute, Madurai which was the showcase for the talents of agricultural students held on 15th and 16th March 2019, a group of 25 students accompanied by Mr.K.Selva Kumar Assistant Professor (Agronomy) and Ms.M.Vaidheki Assistant Professor (Statistics) had participated. First prize was won in instrumental play and third prize in Fantazia and steps in synchome by the students of JKKMCAS.



Sports

P.Vishu, III B.Sc.(Agri) student participated in All India Inter Agricultural University Sports meet and game Meet 2018 - 19 scheduled from 02/01/2019 to 05 /01/2019 at PAU, Ludhiana. He won silver medal in Long jump and 4 x 100 m Relay.



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Republic Day Celebration

The 70th republic day was celebrated in the College premises on 26th January 2019. Dr.V.K.Duraisamy, Dean of JKKMCAS hoisted National flag and accepted the salute and honour by the march past of JKKMCAS students. He addressed the students about the importance of integrity and responsibility of every citizens. All the Teaching Staff and Non teaching staff participated in the function. The function ended with the Nation Anthem.



KVK and NGO visit

On 17th march 2019 students of JKKMCAS visited **Myrada Krishi Vigyan Kendra (MYRADA KVK)** in Gobi to obtain information about the role, activities and schemes of KVK. Dr.P.Alagesan, Programme Coordinator explained about the activities such as IFD (Integrated farm development model), LEISA (Low External Input Sustainable Agriculture), training on scientific storage to farmers ('pucca koti' and metal bins.) and importance of kitchen gardens. Also students visited an NGO - **Centre For Education And Empowerment Of The Marginalized (Ceema)** in Erode. **Mr.S.Pushapanathan**, Secretary explained about the role, mandates and functions of NGO.



Pongal celebration

The students and staff celebrated the Pongal festival in the college farm in a grand manner. The Dean initiated the function , motivated the students and wished them a successful year ahead. All the Teaching Staff and Non teaching staff participated in the function. The various competitions like rangoli competition, pot breaking , bottle filling were conducted for students and staff and prizes were distributed to the students.



Exposure Visit

One day visit to Tamil Nadu Agricultural university by final year students to Seed Science and Technology Department was made along with Dr.S.Seethalakshmi, Assistant Professor (Seed Tech). Dr.G.Sasthri, Associate Professor(Seed Tech) explained about Seed Concepts, Seed Multiplication, Seed Sampling and Seed Testing procedure for certification of seeds. Also the students visited orchard of Horticulture College and Research Institute with Mrs.M.Ramya Assistant Professor(SS & AC) to know about Modern techniques of Hydroponic (Soil less culture), Aeroponics and Nutrient film techniques. Dr.N Nalina Assistant Professor (Department of medicinal and aromatic crops) explained about the cultivation practices and propagation techniques in medicinal and aromatic crops. Also Various methods in extraction of essential oils and alkaloid content were explained to the students. On the next day student visited to Horticulture Research Station, Ooty along with Dr.A.Ravanachandar Assistant Professor (Horticulture) and Dr.C.Senthil raja Assistant Professor(Plant Pathology). In the Horticulture Research Station , Dr Karthikeyan, Assistant Professor (Floriculture) explained about cut flowers of carnation, Gerbera, rose , Anthurium and orchids . Also students visited carnation and chrysanthemum field at Kundasabai Kothagiri and collected disease symptoms.



Guest lecture on Organic Farming was arranged for final year students for the course AGR 401. Mr.S.R.Sundararaman, organic farmer explained about the importance of organic farming. The lecture and the interaction session enlighten the students on their knowledge of organic farming. Later on, the students visited the field and practically observed the different organic products (prepared by the farmer) which are ready to apply in field.



A motivational session was arranged for final year students. JV Academy headed by Mr. J.Vanangamudi,(An alumni of TNAU and retired banking sector professional) gave a motivational lecture on career guidance and competitive examinations to the students. The session was very interactive. Dr.S.Rageshwari, Final year Coordinator arranged the program and Dr.V.K.Duraisamy, Dean, chaired the program.



On February 2019, training on "Bee keeping" was organized for students and farmers. Chief guest Mr. A.Parthiban, Manjari Honey - Kolappalur, Gobichettipalayam interacted with farmers and students and explained about the life history of bees, bee keeping techniques and its medicinal uses. They were asked to perform few activities in bee keeping which helped them to learn things practically. Final year students under experimental learning course are maintaining the colonies in the college garden and orchard.

